

Internal Affairs Unit

2006 Activities and Analysis

Total Investigations: 479

Internal Investigations: 321

Vehicle collisions: 117

Internally Generated Complaints: 460

Disposition of internal investigations:

Exonerated	148
Not-sustained	10
Sustained	121
Unfounded	11

Citizen Generated Complaints: 19

Sustained	12
Not Sustained	3
Unfounded	2
Exonerated	3

Discipline Processed:

Letters of Counseling:	44
Letters of Reprimand:	26
Verbal Counseling:	20
Rating Entry:	59
Employees Suspended:	4
Salary Reduction:	2
Resignations/Terminations:	6
Probation Rejection:	1
No Further Action:	177

The high increase for 2006 Exonerated findings and those with No Further Action are due to the high volume of Photo Radar violation investigations as a result of the new Photo Enforcement Initiative on the Loop 101. In addition, the number of discipline processed are greater than the total number of investigations due to having multiple officers involved in some investigations.

The total number of Internal Affairs Investigations increased by 243 from 2005 to 2006. This can also be attributed to the high volume of photo radar violation notices generated from the Loop 101 Photo Enforcement Initiative.

Although there was a significant increase in the number of total investigations due to the increased volume of Photo Enforcement notices, still the most common internal investigations were related to lost property, failure to attend court, training, range and off duty for 2006.

Class III Shootings / Intentional use of force:	3
Class II Shooting / Vicious animal:	2
Class I Shooting / Accidental Discharge:	0

In 2006 there were five (5) instances in which officers discharged weapons. Two incidents involved an officer dispatching an animal and they were both within policy. There were three incidents where a suspect was shot. Two of the incidents were found to be within department policy and state law governing the use of deadly force in law enforcement. The third incident is still under investigation.

Traffic Summary

Vehicle Collisions:	117
Chargeable:	56
Non-Chargeable:	19
Resigned prior to completion:	1
Awaiting Disposition:	40

The numbers of vehicle collisions in “total” are up compared to 2005, as are the number of chargeable collisions in 2006. As of yet, we have not identified any specific trends as we are currently awaiting disposition on 40 outstanding cases pending review by our City Collision Review Board.

Vehicle Pursuits:	3
Within Policy	2
Out of Policy:	1

In 2006 we saw a significant decrease in vehicle pursuits compared to 2005 (7). We believe this can be directly attributed to our new Pursuit Policy that was incorporated in late 2005.

Drug Screens:	29
Bureau transfers	19
Promotions	10

Negative Results:	29
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Four (4) more drug/alcohol screens were done via blood as part of an investigation from the officer involved shooting. All the tests results were negative.

The Internal Affairs unit also records all Use of Force Statistics provided through use of force reports completed by officers in the field. Those statistics are then analyzed for trends and patterns. In the year of 2006, no concerns were noted.

In review of the data for 2006, only two trends were identified. The first was the large increase in total number of internal investigations. This was due to the implementation of the Loop 101 Traffic/Photo Enforcement Initiative. The second, was the significant decrease in vehicle pursuits. As described above, this can be attributed to the implementation of a more strict pursuit policy. As of this date, there are ongoing 2006 investigations that are pending disposition. This will have an affect on the total number of dispositions and discipline received reflected in this report.

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